(c) if not, the steps being taken to encourage more and more Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes into those forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The percentage of Jawans belonging to SCs/STs in para-Military Forces is as follows:-

| | | *S.C.* | *S.T.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) | ITBP | 16.5% | 5.67% |
| (ii) | CISF | 18.92% | 8.44% |
| (iii) | CRPF | 14.45% | 7.55% |
| (iv) | BSF | 14.41% | 7.62% |
| (v) | Assam Rifles | 15% | 7.5% |

(b) Their number is adequate except in the case of Scheduled Tribes in the ITBP. In case of Scheduled Castes the representation is marginally below 15% in CRPF & BSF.

(c) After giving wide publicity, intensive recruitment drives are being regularly carried out in certain Border Districts of UP and HP in addition to various other places where ST population is more.

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**New Telephone Connections in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh**

5844. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for the telephone connections in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which they are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list for the telephone connections in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.91 is 159.

(b) They are planned to be provided with telephone connections by March 93.

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**Areas Affected by Floods**

5845. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the extent of increase in the areas affected by flood as during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES: (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): There has been no increasing trend noticed in the areas affected by floods. The flood affected areas reported during the last three years are as under:-

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| 1988-89 | 162.90 lakh hectares |
| 1989-90 | 80.60 lakh hectares |
| 1990-91 | 93.03 lakh hectares |